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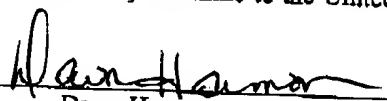
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This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action, mailed August 30, 2001, in connection with the above application. Please enter the following amendments:

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For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims being examined, whether or not amended, are presented below.

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32. (Twice Amended) The cellular composition of claim 49, wherein said peripheral tissue comprises olfactory epithelium.
33. (Twice Amended) The cellular composition of claim 49, wherein said peripheral tissue comprises tongue.